

BID IS ACCEPTED FOR NEW UNIFORM

Richmond Grays Will Purchase
Full Dress Immediately From
Philadelphia Firm.

EARLY DELIVERY SPECIFIED

Uniforms Will Be Ready in Time
for Big Celebration at Formal
Opening of Armory.

At a conference yesterday between Major Lawrence T. Price and the officers of the Richmond Grays Battalion, it was decided to accept the bid of William H. Horteman Company, of Philadelphia, for the new full dress uniform for the organization. The contract will be signed this week, and the first measurements taken immediately after the holidays.

The officers are highly pleased with the terms of the bid, which give the assurance that the uniforms will come up to specifications in every respect, and will meet with the approval of the men who will wear them. The bid was the lowest made, and the sample uniform submitted fully equalled any other in quality and workmanship. The committee virtually agreed to award the contract on Saturday night, but delayed in order that another firm could show samples then in the express office. The representative was unable to reach here in time for the first conference, owing to a death in the family, but arrived here yesterday morning. Seven military outfits competed for the contract.

Measurements will be taken for the uniforms early in January. The company will purchase 240 suits for the enlisted men, and the contract will call for delivery within sixty days. The approximate cost of the outfit will be \$10.00, which will be distributed among the four companies.

Men Must Stay Full Year.
The battalion officers have decided that no enlisted man will be measured for a uniform who does not promise to remain at least one more year with the organization. There are a number of the men whose enlistments expire in 1914, and these will be required to pledge themselves to re-enlist for another year. This step is taken in order that every man will have a tailor-made outfit.

The First Regiment Association is pleased with the design accepted. The uniform will be of Confederate gray, with white and black trimmings. The full dress will be a gray and black tunic surmounted by a white pom-pom. The contract calls for delivery in time for the formal opening of the new Richmond Grays Armory at Seventh and Marshall Streets. The building is virtually completed, and will be occupied before February 1. The formal opening, however, will be held either the latter part of March or early in April. The occasion will be celebrated by a big military parade, in which many noted organizations will participate. It will be followed by a full dress ball in the new armory.

HIS CONDITION CRITICAL

J. W. Rainey, Victim of Assault, Re-
moved to Stuart Circle Hospital.

Developed yesterday that J. W. Rainey, forty-six years old, of 316 Third Street, a coal and wood dealer, alleged to have been assaulted on Saturday morning by A. W. Thompson, was more badly injured than was at first supposed. He was removed at noon to Stuart Circle Hospital, and his condition last night was regarded as critical. While it had not been definitely determined, it was thought his skull was fractured.

Thompson and Rainey are said to have had a quarrel at Brook Avenue and Leigh Street, which resulted in the attack. Immediately afterward Thompson, who was in a wagon, drove off, but was pursued and captured by Motorcycle Policemen Clarke and Mount. Thompson was taken to the Second Police Station in charge of felony. An assault was lodged against him. He is now under \$1,000 bond for his appearance this morning in Police Court.

Shortest Day of the Year.

Yesterday was the shortest day in the year, being only nine hours and thirty-two minutes long, from the rising to the setting of the sun. The sun rose at 7:22 o'clock and set at 4:54 o'clock. Beginning to-day, the days will gradually grow longer, increasing in length about a minute a day, until the first summer month of June, when, on the twenty-first day, will come the longest day of 1914.

Road Builders' Association.

The annual convention of the Virginia Road Builders' Association will be held in the assembly hall of Murphy's Hotel on February 2 and 3. The officers of the association are: C. B. Scott, of Lynchburg, president; William P. Cooke, of Richmond, vice-president; C. L. Scott, of Harrisonburg, secretary, and W. J. Lee, of Tazewell, treasurer. The object of the association is to devise the most efficient methods and appliances for road building and maintenance.

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LOCAL COMMANDS SUSPEND DRILLS

Militiamen Are Given Rest Until
After Holidays—Many Changes
Will Be Made Soon.

Weekly drills have been suspended by all local military commands until after the holidays. The men will resume their work during the week of January 5, and will then start on the long months of preparation for the annual encampment.

The new year will find numerous changes in the various commands in and around this city. Two new organizations will begin active work, and important changes will be made in others.

The Richmond Grays Battalion will start the most important year of its history. Before February 1 the four companies will be in the handsome new armory at Seventh and Marshall Streets, which is said by military authorities to be the most up-to-date building for purposes in the South. It is certainly without equal in this State, and its occupancy will give the command a much-needed boost in the right direction. The new full dress uniform for the battalion will also be ready very shortly.

Will Have Full Dress Drills.
One of the innovations to be tried by the Richmond Howitzers is a monthly full dress drill, followed by a dance in the armory. The full dress uniform, which was purchased last April, was sent back to the manufacturer for alterations and is now completed. New all-steel lockers have been installed in the company room, and there will be no trouble in keeping the new uniform where it can be easily reached. It was formerly kept by the quartermaster in his rooms, and had to be issued each time it was needed.

The Blues will continue along the same lines as heretofore. The company are working hard in athletics, but are not neglecting the military end of the duties.

The newly-organized infantry company at Highland Springs, known as Company H, Fourth Virginia Regiment, was mustered in on Saturday night, and will begin drills on January 6. The Highland Springs town hall will be used as a temporary armory.

Plans are being made for the installation of a wireless receiving station in the new Grays Armory, for the use of the signal corps. An aerial will be erected on the main tower. The operators will be able to pick up messages from all points and will get permission from the War Department to operate a sending station to one of the suburbs.

SUPERVISORS MAY GRANT FRANCHISE

Chesterfield Board Will Consider
Application for Electric Line
to Falling Creek.

When the Chesterfield Board of Supervisors meets this morning at Chesterfield Courthouse it will take up the formal application of the Richmond and Chesterfield Electric Railway Company, which seeks a franchise for a line between the New Road, Swansboro, to Falling Creek, paralleling the Broad Rock Road.

The application was filed on December 3 by John C. Robertson, of Forest Hill, who is promoting the new company. The capital stock has been subscribed, chiefly by South Richmond merchants and Chesterfield property owners. All that remains before construction begins is the permission of the supervisors, as the right of way has already been secured.

It is proposed to run the line from the New Road at its intersection with the Broad Rock Road, down Stockton Street for a distance of about a half mile, where it will enter upon private property, which has been donated for the purpose. The terminal of the proposed railway will be on Falling Creek, back of the Cox estate.

There are very few dwellings along the route, but the territory is capable of great development. The company is planning to construct a pleasure park at Falling Creek, and in this manner build up a big patronage. Several additions have recently been placed on the market, and the line will run through these. The property is selling rapidly, and a number of homes are now under construction.

Viewers appointed by the supervisors have been over the proposed route, and County Engineer W. W. LaPrade has inspected the proposed crossing over the county roads. The reports will be submitted to-day to the board for its approval and consideration.

ISSUES WARNING TO SAVE CHILDREN

Besides being a season of good cheer and kindly charity, Christmas is also a season of accident, fire, pestilence and often death, remarked a city official yesterday, as he was reviewing his preparations to prevent as far as he can the things which make the holiday one of bitter memory instead of joyous remembrance. He handed out a few "don'ts" for publication, in the hope that the might save a few limbs and eyes. Life itself, perhaps, and a few homes on which the last installment has not yet been paid. Here are some of them:

Don't let children of any age handle fireworks larger than No. 15. It is against the law to sell them, so the warning is for the dealer as well.
Don't let the smaller children touch fireworks at all. Set them off yourself.
Don't point skyrockets at any one. It isn't funny, and may prove disastrous.
Don't let any dynamite crackers come into your house, and don't place them under somebody else's chair. Nature fills the cemeteries fast enough.
Don't let the children place their

candles too near the curbing. It's against the law.

Don't burn barrels or set off fireworks near hospitals or the homes of the ill. Be kind to those who are ill in bed.

Don't place lighted tapers on your Christmas tree. Light them electrically.

Don't use any decoration made of inflammable material. Use asbestos.

Don't hang any of your decorations on the gas jet, or near it. Fire is easy to start, but hard to stop.

Don't use firearms of any description in your celebrations.

Don't make presents of cap pistols or others that require powder. Tetanus kills quickly, and it is a death of agony.

Don't do anything that will make you regret Christmas.

Don't do anything in fun that may result in injury or death.

Then you will be happy.

WOODY PRESIDENT

Typographical Union Elects Officers for the
Ensuing Year.

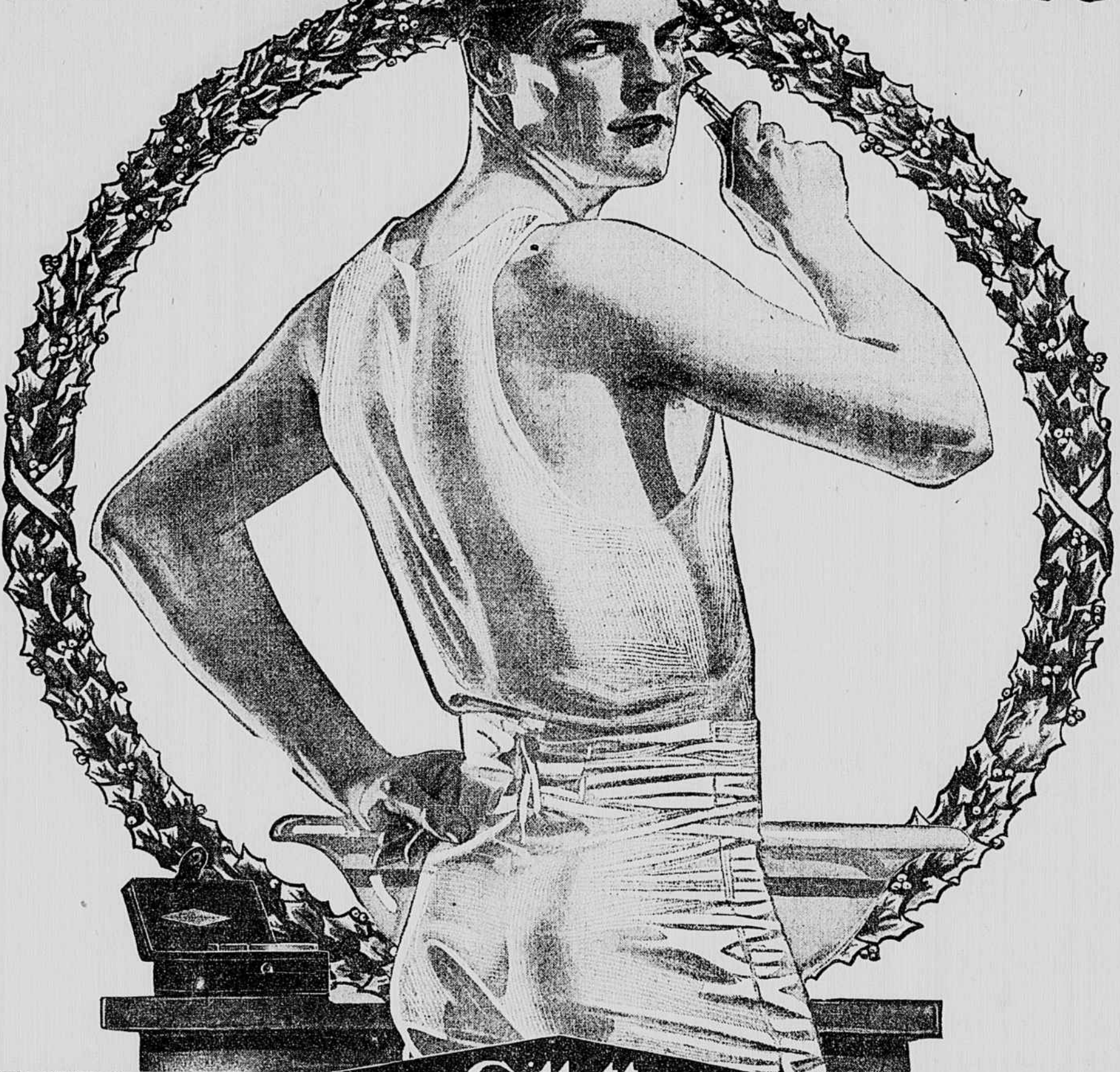
At the monthly meeting of Richmond Typographical Union, No. 90, held yesterday afternoon in Labor Temple, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

R. L. Woody, president; R. C. Don Leavy, vice-president; C. J. Hughes, Jr., financial secretary; W. B. Freeman, recording secretary.

Delegates elected to the Central Trades and Labor Council were J. B. Burroughs, John C. Wickert, R. T. Bowden, T. F. McNally and R. C. Don Leavy. The installation of the officers will be held at the January meeting.

The union contributed \$5 towards the fund for the Community Christmas Tree and \$5 towards the sum being raised by the Salvation Army.

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WAR AGAINST COMMONPLACE IN BUYING HOLIDAY STUFF

Beware of the germ of the commonplace that stalks the highway during the Yuletide season and drives other-wise clever women to buy mauve neckwear for their men friends, and causes some men to invest in banal bric-a-brac and ornate leather boxes.

The warning should be unnecessary, when on every side beckons the gift-with-an-idea. It is so absurdly easy to buy something that combines novelty with usefulness, that one wonders that there are still excellent people who look upon Christmas as a license to send socks and suspenders, provided they come in holly-covered boxes.

ACADEMY--Christmas

Matinee, 2:30; Night, 8:20.

Porter Emerson Brown's Successful Play.

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vice lies in the way it simplifies the process of shaving, enabling the user to drive in those he can't cut off.

Napkin-ring provided with a spring clasp, which enables it to be attached to the collar-button. Its use permits one to suspend the napkin gracefully over one's shirt front instead of crowding it uncomfortably in the collar.

Elect Officers of Royal Arcanum.

Officers for the ensuing year will be elected to-night at the regular weekly meeting of Manchester Council, No. 1217, Royal Arcanum, at Fraternal Hall, South Richmond. All members are requested to be present.

FINAL CLEARANCE

Holiday Gifts and Books

Choice selections still available:

BRASSWARE, one-half off.
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